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Applicant: SOUTHAM, et al.
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Fentanyl and Sufentanil

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Office Action in this Application dated 14 September 2001, has been carefully reviewed. In response, the Applicants have previously submitted a terminal disclaimer and provided the remarks herein. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-38 (all pending claims) under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of United States Patent 6,171,294, which is a related case to the instant application.

Applicants have made of record a terminal disclaimer for this application with respect to the U. S. Pat. No. 6,171,294. The terminal disclaimer was mailed on 14 January 2002. A copy

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